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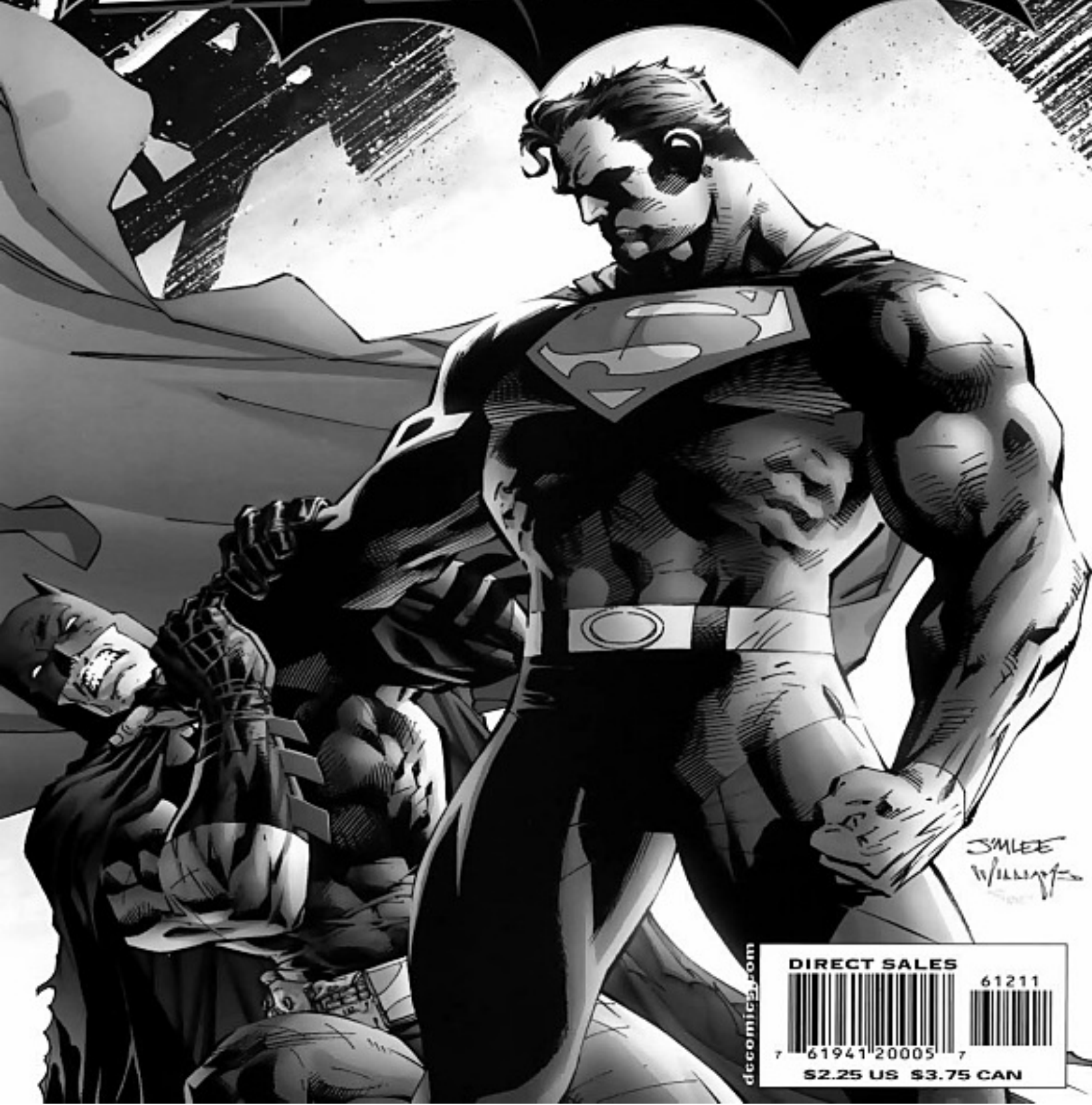


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What he doesn't know is
what my next move will be.

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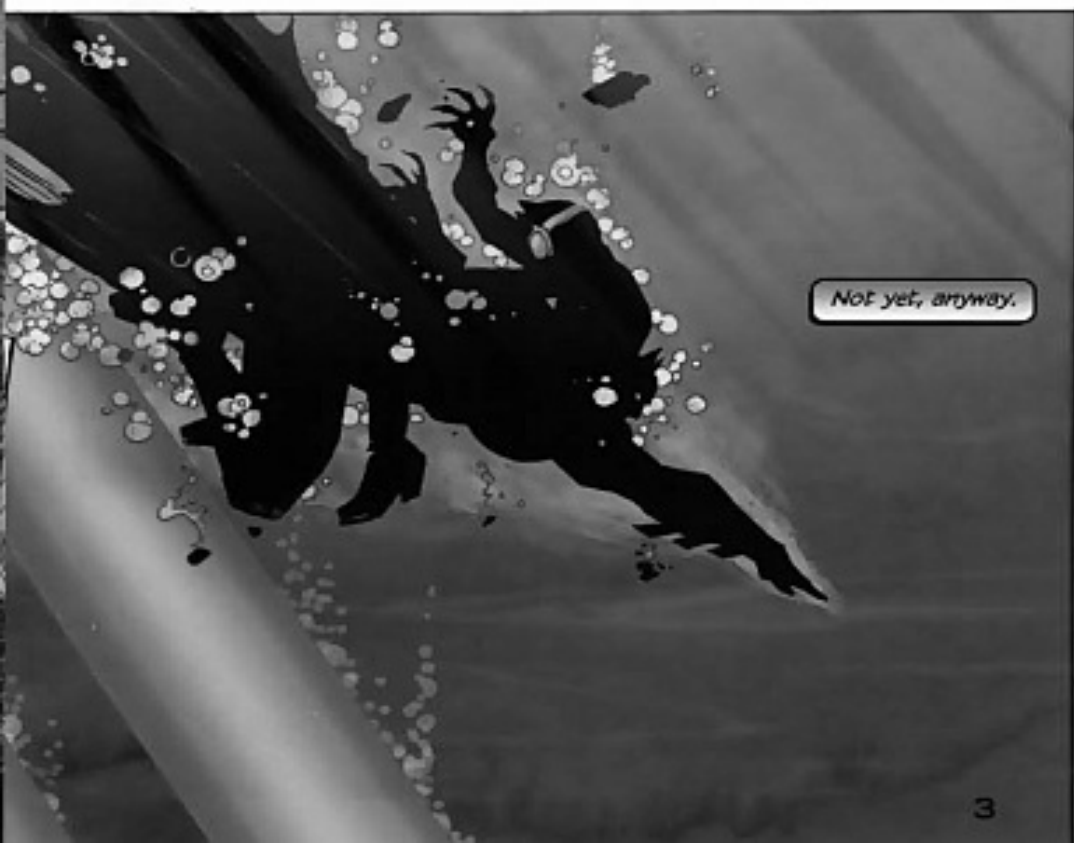
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We've got seconds
before he realizes
we're not going
to stand and fight.

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SPLOOSH



Selina is panicking.
Cats and water.

She's going to have
to trust me.

Nightvision
Engaged.

I'm going to have
to trust her.

WHRRR

WHRRR

NAVIGATING
DISTANCE:
0.03 MILES

Given the situation it's
at best a distraction...

...and at the worst,
could get us killed.

WHKUSH

Seconds.

Poison Ivy used Catwoman in those Gotham City crimes.

She felt violated being controlled by Ivy.

It's made the hunt personal for Selina.

THOUGHTLESS.

WORTHLESS.

STUPID.

MAN.





And I... can't let Catwoman's desires impair my judgment.

Despite... what I may be feeling for her...

WE CAN'T OUTRUN HIM.

HE'S FASTER THAN A--

--WELL, Y'KNOW.

LEXCORP



"O?"
ARE WE IN POSITION?

CLOSE ENOUGH.
DIFFICULT TO GET A HAND FOR GIVEN HOW FAR UNDERGROUND YOU ARE.

WHATEVER SHE'S SAYING, I HOPE IT'S GOOD NEWS.

HANDY HAVING THAT ORACLE GIRL.



THE PARASITE ONCE FOUGHT HIM AND USED THESE TUNNELS TO ESCAPE. A LEAD-LINED SEWER SYSTEM COURTESY OF LEXCORP.

HURRAY FOR LEX LUTHOR.

YOU'VE STUDIED SUPERMAN, HAVEN'T YOU?



HE'S THE BEST AT WHAT HE DOES.



THAT'S OPEN TO DEBATE.

I SAID, HE'S THE BEST AT WHAT HE DOES.

I made a promise on the grave of my parents to rid this city of the evil that took their lives. By day, I am Bruce Wayne, billionaire philanthropist. At night, criminals, a cowardly and superstitious lot, call me...

BATMAN

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AT WHAT
I DO.

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*You don't come to
Metropolis and not
be prepared for him.*

HUSH

*Chapter
Five*

THE BATTLE



*I don't believe
in luck.*



*But if I did... now
would be a good time
to start.*

All at once, I'm ten years old,
looking up in the Metropolis skyline
with Tommy Elliot.

Green Lantern is fighting with
The Icicle and Tommy tells me
The Icicle can't win.

"If you want to beat your opponent, Bruce,
you have to think like your opponent."





If Clark wanted to, he could use his superspeed and squish me into the cement.

But I know how he thinks. Even more than the Kryptonite, he's got one big weakness.

Deep down, Clark's essentially a good person...

...and deep down, I'm not.

EXPLOSION



I have to keep him contained, so he can't fly.

I yell at him to keep him distracted.

LISTEN TO ME.



The Green K in the ring slows his reflexes.

I'VE OPENED A GAS MAIN. IF YOU SO MUCH AS MAKE A SPARK WITH YOUR HEAT VISION--

--YOU'LL BLOW UP THE ENTIRE BLOCK.



IF I hit him again, I'll shatter every bone in my hand. The Kevlar only protects so much.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT BUILDING WE'RE UNDER.









If we had to, Catwoman could catch her...





...but we don't have to.

I'VE GOT
YOU.

HI,
HONEY,
YOU'RE
HOME.

CLARK.
NO
OFFENSE--
-- BUT
YOU LOOK
LIKE HELL.

He's the best at what he does...

I've been under Poison Ivy's spell myself. Even though you can't control it, you are aware of your actions.

I knew he would be fighting her while he was fighting me. It's probably why I still have a head attached to my shoulders.

But... if there were an innocent person in jeopardy. Real jeopardy.

He couldn't let Ivy stop him from that.

SO... YOU AND HE ARE WORKING TOGETHER NOW?

WHAT... ARE YOU WRITING A BOOK OR SOMETHING?

OR SOMETHING...

IVY WILL BE ON THE MOVE. SHE HAS MONEY AND A CERTAIN WAY WITH ANYONE WHO WOULD STOP HER.

AND SHE HAS HELP. SMART. CONNECTED.

SOMEONE WHO GOT HER THE SYNTHETIC GREEN K IN HER LIPSTICK TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL YOU.

ANY IDEAS ON WHO THAT MIGHT BE?

WORKING ON IT.

WE SHOULD HAVE A WORD OR TWO WITH IVY.

I'M NOT SURE EITHER ONE OF US COULD FIND HER IN TIME.

BUT WE BOTH KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN.

AND I THINK I HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES UP AT THE FORTRESS, TOO...

The Metropolis Plaza.
Tommy and I stayed
here as kids.



PUT
THE MONEY
DOWN.



YOU'RE
GOING BACK TO
GOTHAM CITY.

LIKE
HELL I--



I'VE ALREADY
CALLED MY OLD FRIEND
MAGGIE SAWYER.

--AM.



SHE'S
ARRANGED FOR
THE METROPOLIS
S.C.U. TO DELIVER
YOU TO THE
G.C.P.D.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
YOU FOUND ME,
BUT --



Sometimes all the detective work in the world can't beat a super-dog with a keen sense of smell.

GHRRRR



RRR



DOK

GOOD-BYE, IVY.



CATWOMAN.

WAS THAT REALLY NECESSARY?



YES.



It is time to leave this city.
But not before Clark has his say.

DON'T
EVEN THINK
ABOUT IT,
DOG.

I ONLY TOLD
HER THAT YOU CARE
ABOUT THE PEOPLE
WHO WORK AT
THE DAILY PLANET.

SHE HAD
THREE CHOICES.
LOIS, JIMMY OLSEN,
OR EVEN
PERRY WHITE.

CATWOMAN
PICKED LOIS.

HOW DID
CATWOMAN KNOW
TO PICK LOIS?
YOU DIDN'T...

YOU COULD
HAVE GOTTEN
LOIS KILLED.

NO.
I BELIEVED
IN YOU.



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Batman #613

One night at the opera... comes a clown. But with this clown, you only hurt when she laughs. It's time for Batman to take center stage and center ring against the might and flight of this mistress of distress, Harley Quinn!



The Hot List THIS MONTH

ACTION COMICS #800

Double-sized anniversary issue! A new look at how the Man of Steel came to don the red cape, and the person who inspired Clark to become a reporter.

H-E-R-O #1

Ordinary people, extraordinary powers! The mystical H-E-R-O device, which grants super-powers to its possessor, falls into the hands of a young man with nothing to lose. Will it give him a reason to live — or an excuse to die?

JSA: THE UNHOLY THREE #1

Part 1 of a 2-part Prestige Format miniseries! Eight years after the events of "The Liberty File," the Bat, the Clock and the brash young powerhouse named Clark Kent are back in action.

SUPERMAN: METROPOLIS #1

New 12-issue maxiseries from **Chuck Austen** and **Danijel Zezelj**. Follow Jimmy Olsen on the job in Metropolis where the Tech is once again gaining sentience and transforming the inhabitants of the City of Tomorrow.



YOUNG JUSTICE/TITANS: GRADUATION DAY #1 (May 2003) The Titans and Young Justice engage in their first — and probably last — social mixer when a mysterious girl with unspeakable power takes down several members from each team. With even more carnage on the horizon, if the remaining heroes want to get ahead in life, they'll have to do the math and make a life-changing decision. Unfortunately, there's no multiple choice in this ultimate of tests, scripted by **Judd Winick** (who's ending his regular run on **GREEN LANTERN**), with art from the WildStorm school: **Alé Garza** (**GEN**) and **Trevor Scott** (**BLACK SUN**). Hopefully, some of them will graduate to the new **TEEN TITANS** and **OUTSIDERS** monthlies this summer!

A MIGHTY AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

Howard Chaykin does double duty for the first time in a while with a new hardcover project scheduled for sometime next fall. **MIGHTY LOVE** is *Sleepless in Seattle* with super-heroes, centering around two costumed crimefighters living the usual double lives. She's a crusading defense attorney and he's a hard-boiled cop. By day, they are natural adversaries and can't stand each other. But at night, as **Skylark** and **Iron Angel**, it's a very different story. As urban vigilantes, they see the streets from the same point of view, understand each other's problems, and just maybe... fall in love?

NEW 'GIRL IN TOWN

Everybody wants to know all about the new Supergirl who showed up in **SUPERMAN: THE TEN-CENT ADVENTURE**. Well, here's our two cents on the subject: she *might* be the daughter of Superman and Lois. Then again, we hear she's not quite like "Daddy" — after all, could he ever fire off red sunbursts? **Seagle** and **McDaniel** unravel more of the mystery in **SUPERMAN #192-193!**

ROAD TO PURR-DITION

Selina Kyle's been through several makeovers in recent years, though sources tell us they all pale in comparison to the drastic personal changes writer **Ed Brubaker** has awaiting her in the coming months. Starting with **CATWOMAN #17**, the scribe's three-part story arc promises to forever change the way you look at Selina and her friends, and not just because the storyline's guest artist is **Javier Pulido**! Keep a cat's eye out for this one in March.

"EMPIRE" STRIKES BACK

The time's ripe to start telling you about the top banana DC picked from the bunch that made up the late Gorilla Comics. We're talking about **EMPIRE**, **Mark Waid** and **Barry Kitson's** critically acclaimed futuristic account of **Golgoth** and his meteoric rise to global domination. And because we want everyone on the same page when **Golgoth** resumes his destiny in late summer, DC is publishing an Omnibus one month earlier that contains the two hard-to-find Gorilla issues. This way you can say you knew the evil monarch before he became famous!

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